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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1291

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) ANNUAL MEETING

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 1274, (B) STATE 58689

1. EMBASSY HAS NOW LEARNED THAT SWEDES WILL WISH TO RAISE WITH US DELEGATION THE ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION OF SMALLER COUNTRIES ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. PRESENT LARGE VOTING GROUPS, IN WHICH SWEDEN GETS CHANCE TO NAME AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR AN ALTERNATE ONLY ONE EVERY FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, CAUSES SWEDES PROBLEMS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE PROCEDURES TO EXPAND BOARD BY TWO TO THREE SEATS AND SPLIT UP CURRENT REGIONAL GROUPINGS. POSSIBLE NEW GROUPING COULD BE NORDICS PLUS DUTCH. BECAUSE SUCH ACTION WILL REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, SWEDES ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN PROCESS, AND TO GAIN US SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE.

2. IN MORE GENERAL SENSE, SWEDES WILL COMMENT FAVORABLY ON RECENT TREND TO DEVOTE ADB RESOURCES MORE TO SOCIAL AND AGRICULTURE PROJECTS. THEY HOPE THE TREND CAN BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT MORE ELABORATE DISCUSSIONS OF
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SOCIAL IMPACT OF ADB PROGRAMS CAN ACCOMPANY PROJECT ANALYSES, E.G., IMPACT OF PROJECT ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, ON INCOME REDISTRIBUTION, ETC.

3. SWEDES LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER ENGAGEMENT OF ADB IN VIETNAM. THEY HOPE THIS ENGAGEMENT WILL NOT JUST MEAN COMPLETION OF EXISTING PROJECTS, BUT INITIATION

OF NEW PROJECTS. SWDISH EMBASSY IN HANOI HAS INDICATED THAT VIETNAMESE ARE INTERESTED IN A STRENGTHENED OR AT LEAST UPHELD ROLE FOR ADB IN VIETNAM. SWEDISH STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE OF THIS NATURE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. CAN STATE INDICATE CONTACT OFFICER FOR SWEDES IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ISSUE DESCRIBED PARA ONE? DOES STATE HAVE PRLIMINARY REACTION?
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